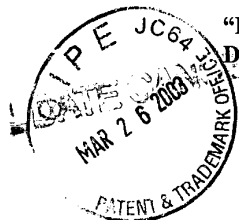


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 58, 64-65, and 89, amend claims 59, 61, 66, 77-78, 83-87, and 90-91, and add new claims 94-95, as follows:

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59. (Twice amended) A method of nucleating the growth of a diamond film, wherein the film is nucleated with at least one higher diamondoid.

C2

61. (Amended) A method of nucleating the growth of a diamond film, the method comprising the steps of: